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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: MEXICO, PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
AFTERMATHLead editorial in top national daily "El Tiempo" (7/12)
entitled:

"Mexico: Divided Country"

"Despite the Federal Electoral Institute announcement that Calderon won by a 0.58% margin, the presidential election results will not be official until the 6th of September, by which time there will be a court ruling to decide the issue. Although Felipe Calderon seems to be the next Mexican president, in the meantime Mexico is confronting deep political tensions... On the other hand, if Calderon is finally proclaimed as president he will have to cohabit with Lopez Obrador's followers in the Federal District where the former Mexico City mayor won more than 50 percent of the votes... The whole situation is a matter of interest for Mexico's neighbors, especially the U.S., where Calderon's victory would erase the fear that a new and important anti-American ally of Hugo Chavez had arisen in the region."

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